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Community Recognition Statement

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World Cup Qualifier

Ms SONIA HORNERY (Wallsend) :

I wish to congratulate the Australian Socceroos who have qualified for the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar from November 21 to December 17.

The Socceroos had to climb football's Everest and win two further qualification games against the UAE and Peru to make it into the draw for the 2022 World Cup.

In a supreme effort coach Graham Arnold and his team overcame all odds in a do or die penalty shootout against Peru.

I would particularly like to recognise the players who took part in the shoot-out: Martin Boyle, Aaron Mooy, Craig Goodwin, Ajdin Hrustic, Jamie Maclaren and Awer Mabil. Fantastic job, boys!

This achievement by the players, coaching staff and Football Australia in reaching their 5th consecutive FIFA World Cup will lift our spirits into the future as the Socceroos firstly take on current World Cup holders, France, on November 23 in Doha.

As a lifelong football fan, as are many of my constituents, I offer my support and encouragement to the Socceroos as they represent their country, themselves and their sport to the best of their ability.